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SUBJECT: SECTION 502(B) HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTING

REFERENCE: STATE 310447 DECEMBER 23, 1976

1. DEPARTMENT WILL DELIVER DECLASSIFIED HUMAN RIGHTS  
REPORTS ON ARGENTINA, HAITI AND PERU (AS WELL AS IRAN,  
INDONESIA, PHILIPPINES) TO HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS  
COMMITTEE ON DECEMBER 28.

2. WE WILL SIMULTANEOUSLY AND, IN LOW KEY, INFORM  
WASHINGTON EMBASSIES OF THREE COUNTRIES THAT DECLASSIFIED  
REPORTS HAVE GONE FORWARD, MAKING FOLLOWING POINTS:

-- UNDER SECTION 502(B), WE HAVE LEGAL REQUIREMENT  
TO FILE REPORTS; FAILURE TO COMPLY RISKS FMS CUT-OFF.

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-- IN REQUESTING THESE REPORTS, WE NOTE, CONGRESS  
DID NOT SINGLE OUT LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES, VIZ.  
INCLUSION OF COUNTRIES IN TWO OTHER AREAS OF THE WORLD.

-- DEPARTMENT CONSIDERS THESE TO BE REPORTS TO  
CONGRESS AND WILL NOT TAKE THE INITIATIVE TO MAKE THEM

PUBLIC.

-- THESE REPORTS ARE CURRENT AS OF ORIGINAL PREPARATION IN OCTOBER; DEVELOPMENTS SINCE THAT TIME WILL BE REFLECTED IN CPD SUBMISSIONS COVERING HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN APPROXIMATELY 80 COUNTRIES TO BE SENT TO CONGRESS AS PART OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE BUDGET REQUEST DURING WINTER 1977.

3. FYI. WE CONSIDERED MAKING COPIES OF REPORTS AVAILABLE TO EMBASSIES TOMORROW BUT NOTED THAT THIS WOULD GIVE THEM TOO MUCH OF A "GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT" FLAVOR. WE WILL, HOWEVER, PROVIDE COPIES TO LOCAL EMBASSIES AS SOON AS WE HAVE INDICATION THAT REPORTS MAY BECOME PUBLIC AS RESULT OF CONGRESSIONAL INITIATIVE. YOU SHOULD, THEREFORE, NOT TAKE INITIATIVE WITH HOST GOVERNMENT PENDING FURTHER GUIDANCE FROM DEPARTMENT.

4. FOR BUENOS AIRES: CHANGES RECOMMENDED IN (B) AND (C) OF BUENOS AIRES 8250 HAVE BEEN INCORPORATED INTO REPORT. CHANGE (A) WAS NOT INCLUDED BECAUSE IT REPRESENTS ELEMENT WHICH WAS NOT IN ORIGINAL REPORT SENT TO FRASER SUBCOMMITTEE.

5. FOR PORT AU PRINCE: THE CHANGES YOU SUGGESTED IN PORT AU PRINCE 3585 AND IN TELECON WITH LUERS DECEMBER 23 HAVE BEEN INCORPORATED IN THE FINAL UNCLASSIFIED VERSION OF THE REPORT ON HAITI BEING DELIVERED TO FRASER. IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO ADD INFORMATION ON CHRISTMAS AMNESTY SINCE ALL REPORTS DESCRIBE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AS OF OCTOBER. A REPORT OF THE LATEST AMNESTY WILL BE INCLUDED IN HUMAN RIGHTS PAPER TO ACCOMPANY SECURITY ASSISTANCE CONGRESSIONAL PRESENTATION.  
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